

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

543

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 782

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 782
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CYTOMEGALOVIRUS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to raise awareness of
cytomegalovirus by requiring:

- (1) The Department of Health to establish a public education program to educate and inform pregnant women and women who may become pregnant of this virus; and
- (2) The responsible physician of a newborn infant identified as, or suspected of, having a hearing impairment, to test the newborn infant for cytomegalovirus.

Numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.
The Department of Health commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the screening requirement that physicians of newborn infants identified as, or suspected of, having a hearing impairment, test the newborn infant for cytomegalovirus;



- (2) Deleting the provision requiring the Department of Health to establish administrative rules to carry out this measure;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Health to:
 - (A) Convene a working group of various stakeholders to participate in the development of a public awareness program to inform and educate pregnant women and women who may become pregnant about cytomegalovirus, and inform and educate healthcare providers who may be responsible for screening, testing, diagnosing, and treating pregnant mothers or newborns with cytomegalovirus; and
 - (B) Submit a report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session that includes recommendations for developing, implementing, and funding the public education program under the measure;
- (4) Appropriating funds for fiscal year 2016-2017 to implement the public education program;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 782, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 782, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB782	HLT, FIN	2/10/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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